



Ridge Road Reporter **DECEMBER** 2025



Season's Greetings, Everyone!

This month, Ridge Road is filled with exciting holiday events. Please check the December calendar and review any notes from your child's teacher regarding special activities at their grade level.

On behalf of the Ridge Road staff, I wish all our Ridge Road families a joyful holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Principal

WINTER BREAK
DECEMBER 22ND – JANUARY 2ND
SCHOOL WILL BE BACK IN SESSION ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fourth Grade Concert



Our Fourth-Grade chorus students will be sharing their musical talent with us on **Tuesday, December 16th**. Please join the fourth-grade chorus students in the **High School Auditorium at 7:00 pm for the performance.**

Family Bingo Night

Please join us on Friday, December 5th, from 6:30- 7:30 pm for Family Bingo Night! Participating in Bingo night is free for our students and family members. However, we will have drinks and snacks available for purchase. Please join us in the Ridge Road Café (at Center Street) for a fun night of BINGO!



Outside Activity Time



The students at Ridge Road go outside for physical activity and socialization on a regular basis. As long as the temperature is above 20 and it is not raining, we try to get the students outside for a short time each day. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather and snowy conditions. **Gloves, hats, snow pants and boots should be sent in with your child daily.**

PTO NEWS

We will not be holding a December meeting. Our next PTO meeting will be on Wednesday, January 14th, at 6:30 pm in the Ridge Road Library. Mrs. Bailey will also be hosting a Principal Chat in the library that evening at 6:00 pm.



Classroom School Supplies



Please touch base with your child during the holiday break and see if they need to replenish their school supplies for the upcoming second half of our school year.



Holiday Dress-up Days!



Wednesday, December 17th -Holiday Socks Day- Students and staff are invited to wear their most festive socks to school that day.

Thursday, December 18th – Festive Holiday Outfits Day- How Festive Can you Dress? Holiday themed shirts, sweaters, Santa hats and reindeer headbands are all welcome that day.

Friday, December 19th -Pajamas and Slippers Day- On our last day before the Holiday break, we are inviting our students and staff to wear their most cozy PJ's and Slippers to school that day. Holiday themed is optional. Please also make sure students have their sneakers for PE and recess.



Swimming Unit Moves to 5th Grade in 2026-2027

As a part of our physical education curriculum, we have traditionally offered a swimming unit for our students during their fourth grade year. Due to ongoing construction and its impact on available teaching spaces at the high school, this unit will not be offered during the 2025-2026 school year. Current fourth graders will complete this important unit of study in fifth grade beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, and this unit will then remain a part of the fifth grade physical education curriculum moving forward. This will ensure that no students miss this important learning experience, while enabling us to streamline the travel and additional logistics that make this unit possible between the Intermediate School and High School.

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The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Ridge Road is Anne-Marie Bailey. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Anne-Marie Bailey at 607739-6351 x 7600. The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlyn DeFilippo. Mrs. DeFilippo may be reached at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601 x 4211.
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RIDGE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



NOTES FROM THE NURSE

- **PHYSICALS** – I have a list of students in need of meeting the NYS requirement of having an updated physical exam on file. Any student in grades K, 1st, and 3rd, as well as new students to our district must have a physical exam dated 9/4/24 or after on file. If you have not already done so, please send in a copy of your student's most recent physical. Our medical provider will be on site in December doing physical examinations. A health history information form has been sent home to those in need of a physical. Please complete the health history form and return to the health office. If we have not received the health history form or a physical from your primary care provider, your student will be seen by the district medical provider.
- **SCREENINGS**- reminder to those who have received hearing or vision referrals for your student to return the form to me once you have been seen an audiologist or ophthalmologist.
- **RECESS** – The students will continue to have outside recess weather permitting. A winter coat, hats, snow pants, boots & gloves will be needed. A change of clothes in their backpacks is helpful for café spills and recess slips in the mud.
- **DONATIONS** – The health office is always in need of seasonal clothing to restock our closet. Currently we are need boys and girl's pants (sweatpants, leggings, pull-on) and long sleeve shirts. Sizes 4-14. Any donations are greatly appreciated.
- **PARTY TREATS** – All treats need to be store-bought or from a professional bakery and labeled with ingredients.
- **MEDICATIONS** – Per NYS/District protocols a provider order is required for all over-the-counter medications (cough drops). Please do not send these items with students.

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